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Garrison Says Oswald Warned FBI

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Lee Harvey Oswald tipped the FBI five days ahead of time that an attempt would be made to assassinate President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, District Attorney Jim Garrison claimed yesterday.

Oswald has been identified by the Warren Commission as the man who fired the fatal bullets into Mr. Kennedy. Garrison contends that Oswald was a "patsy."

At a news conference, Garrison, who has been conducting a controversial probe into the assassination for more than a year, said Oswald was a Central Intelligence Agency agent.

Garrison said again that Mr. Kennedy was the victim of a conspiracy that was hatched in New Orleans. He said that the final meeting of the conspirators took place on November 17, 1963.

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"That day," Garrison said, "the FBI sent out a TWX (interbureau telegram) announcing that on November 22, an attempt will be made to assassinate John F. Kennedy in Dallas."

The telegram he claimed, "went to J. Edgar Hoover (FBI Director). What came down to President Kennedy you can judge for yourself in that he was allowed to ride without a bubbletop (on his car) in that parade in Dallas."

Asked by a newsman what evidence he had to prove the existence of the FBI telegram, he said, "if you and I were in a closed room, I could prove it. But I'm not going to allow any evidence to get out now."

New Orleans TV station WVUE said later in the day that it had learned that Garrison was basing his charge on information that Oswald had sent a telegram to the FBI. It said that WVUE had a copy of the telegram on file.

The TV station quoted Garrison as saying that if he could get a copy of the tele-

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gram, "it would break the case wide open."

In Washington, the FBI declined comment on Garrison's statements. FBI and CIA officials had testified before the Warren Commission that neither the FBI nor the CIA had ever employed Oswald or had any connection with him.

Garrison also charged that:

- There is a danger that secret files about the assassination may be changed before they are released to the public.

- "The Federal Government is protecting the assassins every day."

- At least 15 persons participated in the conspiracy to kill Mr. Kennedy, including some members of the "extreme, extreme right wing."

- Communists were not involved in the assassination.

Garrison repeated his claims that President Johnson has "actively concealed evidence about the murder of his predecessor." He added that "he can't be allowed to get away with it."

He said that President Johnson "knows very well that Lee Oswald did not pull the trigger."

The District Attorney, appeared at the news conference to help publicize a Ramparts magazine story on the assassination by former FBI agent William Turner. He said "every word in Ramparts is accurately stated."

Garrison said that Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, of North Hollywood, Calif., one of the two men he has charged with conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy, had in 1964 tried to work up support in California to elect Hoover as President.

Besides Bradley, Garrison has filed conspiracy charges against Clay L. Shaw, retired New Orleans businessman. Shaw's trial is set for February.

In Los Angeles the sheriff's office received a warrant by mail yesterday from Garrison's office accusing Bradley of conspiring in the assassination.

Late yesterday the L.A. district attorney's office issued a fugitive complaint charging Bradley with "criminal conspiracy to commit murder" in the Kennedy assassination.

Los Angeles county sheriff Peter Pitchess said that he had been in contact with the attorneys of Bradley, who lives in North Hollywood, and indicated that Bradley would surrender in municipal court this morning.

Yesterday Garrison said he would also subpoena three new out-of-state witnesses within the next few days, but he did not identify them.

Garrison also said that a Loran Hall of California had inside knowledge of the assassination the day it happened. He said Government officials never called Hall before the Warren Commission.

Loran Eugene Hall of Johnsondale in Tulare County is mentioned in the Warren Commission report. He told the FBI that in September of 1963 that he was in Dallas soliciting aid in connection with anti-Castro activities.

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